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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time within which to respond to the July 10, 2006, outstanding Office Action, such extension allowing the undersigned until November 10, 2006, to respond.

The extension fee is being paid via the USPTO-EFS. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee which may be necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502264.

Respectfully submitted,

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